None of the aforesaid projects fall in the territory of State of Himachal Pradesh except Ranjit Sagar Dam (Thein Dam) which causes partial submergence in Himachal Pradesh. According to a separate agreement entered into between the State Governments of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh is entitled to 4.6% of power generated at Ranjit Sagar Dam Power House free of cost.

The issue was also discussed in the meetings of the Northern Zonal Council at Srinagar in October, 1997 and on 28th February, 1999 at Surajkund (Haryana). As advised by the Zonal Council, a separate Conference of Chief Ministers of the concerned States is contemplated where an attempt would be made to resolve the issues in consultation with the concerned State Governments including Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Loktak Hydro-Electric Project

1653. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the existing power production position of the Loktak Hydro-electric Project in Manipur;

(b) how Government propose to distribute power among the States of North-Eastern Region and the rate of power inside and outside;

(c) whether Government are aware that the target of power production cannot be achieved;

(d) if so, how to improve it; and

(e) the total expenditure of project cost and earning uptill now from this project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) All the three units of Loktak Project (3X35 Mega Watts) are in running condition and the project is generating power according to the demand of the North-Eastern Grid.

At present, the distribution of power from Loktak project to the State of North-Eastern Region is as follows:—

	State	% Allocation
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	6.189
2.	Assam	24.542
3.	Manipur	33.952
4.	Meghalaya	7.704
5.	Mizoram	6.710
6.	Nagaland	7.954
7.	Tripura	12.949
		100.00

The present rate of power from Loktak project is Rs. 0.57 per kilo watt hour (kwh), which is being charged uniformly to all beneficiaries of the North Eastern Region.

(c) and (d) During the year 1998-99, Loktak project has generated 502 Million Units of electricity upto 21st February, 1999, against the annual target of 450 Million Units upto 31st March, 1999. Thus electricity generated by Loktak project is more than the target.

(e) The total expenditure incurred on Loktak HE project till completion was Rs. 135.68 Crores. The gross sales receipt upto 31.3.1998 as per audited accounts of the Corporation is Rs. 349.19 Crores without considering the tariff adjustment.

Power by Small Hydel Projects in Assam

1654. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans enhance power production through small hydel projects in Assam, in the near future; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to build the proposed Anguri Project, as asked by the Assam Government?

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Karbi Langpi (2x50 MW) and Dhansiri (5X3X1.33 MW) in the State Sector & Kopili Stage II (1X25 MW) in the Central Sector are sanctioned/on-going hydro-electric projects to be commissioned in the 9th Plan in the State of Assam